GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5529
ANSWERED ON:29.04.2003
FACILITIES TO FREEDOM FIGHTERS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provide any facility/assistance to the heirs of the freedom fighters;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERS(PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a),(b)&(c): A Statement is enclosed.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of unstarred Question No.5529 for 29.4.2003.

(a)&(b): Under the provisions of the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980 widows, unmarried/unemployed daughters, mothers and fathers of the deceased freedom fighter pensioners are treated as eligible family members/dependents for the purpose of family pension and other facilities provided by the Central Government. In genuine and deserving cases, dependents of freedom fighters who are not eligible for grant of pension are also considered for grant of financial assistance from Home Minister`s Discretionary Grant.

Details of other facilities that are provided by the Central Government to the family members of deceased freedom fighters` pension holders are as under:-

(i) Facility of free railway passes (1st Class/2nd A.C.) to the widows with one attendant, for life time.

(ii) Free medical facilities in all Central Government hospitals and also in the hospitals run by the Public Sector Undertakings under the control of the Bureau of Public Enterprises to the widows and their dependents.Central Government Health Services facilities have also been extended to them.

(iii) The spouse of the freedom fighter residing in the Government accommodation allotted to the freedom fighter is entitled to retain the accommodation after the demise of the freedom fighter for a period of six months.

(iv) Facility of telephone connection, subject to feasibility without installation charges and payment of only half of the rentals to the widows.

(c): Does not arise.